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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 7), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

Formalities:

Please change the Attorney Docket No. to "215547.02500."